

REMARKS

Claims 24-46 were pending. By this Amendment, claims 24, 30, 32, and 40 were amended. It is believed that no new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found in [0016]. Accordingly, claims 24-46 are pending.

Claims 24-46 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Williams et al.

In order to show anticipation, the reference must teach or suggest every element of the claimed invention. Williams, fails to do so given the reasons below.

Independent claims 24, 32, and 40 have been amended which now provide for a database of vulnerabilities and a database of regulations. The regulations data is taken from a specific set of regulations. The data is entered into a relational database to provide mapping between vulnerabilities and regulations.

In Williams, cited in the last office action, a network auditing system is provided in which network policies are generated and gathered independent of the type of tools used to gather information about the network (Par. 002). In addition, a semantic module is required to uniformly apply a network policy of to the information identified as being semantically equivalent (par. 9). Thus, the network policies are not used, instead a system and method is employed to for "semantically normalizing the disparate information so as to allow a uniform application of the network policies" (par 6). Thus, Williams does not use the regulations data as located. Therefore, since Williams does not teach or suggest every element of the claimed invention, Williams does not anticipate the claimed

invention. Claims 25-31 depend directly or indirectly on claim 24. Claims 33-39 depend directly or indirectly on claim 32. Claims 41-46 depend directly or indirectly on claim 40. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

A check in the amount of \$525.00 for a three month extension of time is enclosed.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 06-0515.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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